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**Mr. McClintic:** Mr. President, I move the adoption of this report.

**The President:** It has been moved that the report of the Auditing Committee be adopted. Is there a second?

**Mr. Gordon:** I second the motion.  
(Carried.)

**The President:** We will next have the report of the Resolutions Committee, with Mr. Dodgen as chairman. There are, of course, a number of resolutions to be presented to this convention, and if it is agreeable I would suggest that in order to save time we follow the plan that was established last year. That is, the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee will come to the microphone and read the resolutions to the meeting, one at a time, and at the end of the reading of each resolution there will be a pause for any indication of an objection or discussion. If there is any such indication, such resolution will be set aside, and at the conclusion of the resolution reading, they will be dealt with individually, with ample opportunity for discussion. Is that agreeable to the meeting? If so, Mr. Dodgen, will you proceed with your report in the way of resolutions.

**Mr. Dodgen:** Mr. President, and members of the Association, the work of the Resolutions Committee is, as you may know, tedious, and we worked very diligently on the few resolutions which we are prepared to present. There are 13 of them, which is less than this body is accustomed to considering, usually. We tried to make them brief and to the point, and select those that seemed to be the most worthy, and without any overlap or readjusting any previous resolutions passed at other meetings. (All resolutions are worded here as finally adopted.)

1. **Cooperation With National Rifle Association**

Resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in convention assembled at Memphis, Tennessee, U.S.A., this the 15th day of September, 1950, that the National Rifle Association Hunting Casualty Report form be adopted, filled out and a copy transmitted annually to the National Rifle Association by every state and local agency concerned in investigating and reporting accidents.

Resolved further that the National Rifle Association be urged to cooperate with the states by furnishing an annual report and analysis of hunting casualties to the end that joint and improved efforts may be made to reduce such casualties.

2. **Appropriation of Pittman-Robertson Funds**

Be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in convention assembled at Memphis, Tennessee, this 15th day of September, 1950, that we urge Congress to include in the 1951 Interior Department appropriation bill the following clause:

"For the purposes of carrying out the Pittman-Robertson Act, there shall be appropriated \$10,000,000 annually, and if, during any one fiscal year the annual collection of excise taxes on arms and ammunition shall be less than \$10,000,000, the deficit shall be appropriated from the existing surplus in this fund, and such deficit appropriation shall continue so long as such surplus exists; and if during any one fiscal year, the annual receipts from the collection of excise taxes on arms and ammunition shall exceed \$10,000,000, such surplus shall be deposited in said fund for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this section."

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be mailed to the Secretary of the Interior and to all Congressmen and Senators, and that the membership be urged to support the fulfillment of this resolution at the next session of Congress.

3. **Hunting On Military Reservations**

Resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in convention assembled at Memphis, Tennessee, this 15th day of September, 1950, that it has come to the attention of the Asso-

ciation that hunting on military reservations in some instances has been conducted in violation of the laws of the state in which such reservation is situated, and in contradiction to sound wildlife management practice; and that the Secretary of National Defense be requested to fix a substantial rule to prohibit such practice, and cause all wildlife harvest on military reservations to be carried on in accordance with state law.

4. **Keeping State Agencies Informed**

Whereas, several agencies of the Federal Government, including the Bureau of Reclamation, Corps of Army Engineers, Soil Conservation Service, Forest Service, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, etc., have been and are involved in studies, proposals and construction of various devices and methods of water use and control in numerous river basins; and

Whereas, changes in water courses and manipulations influence wildlife resources either beneficially or detrimentally; and

Whereas, past experience has proved that State Conservation Agencies have not been informed or acquainted with such proposed projects until immediately prior to or after final decisions are made; and

Whereas, last minute, hastily made decisions generally do not reflect sound judgment based on intensive study; and

Whereas, responsibilities of management of wildlife resources rest in the State; and

Whereas, Federal law requires cooperation with State Conservation Agencies when and where water and wildlife resources are involved;

Now therefore, be it resolved, by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in convention assembled at Memphis, Tennessee, this 15th day of September, 1950, that State Conservation Agencies be advised and their counsel accepted in planning stages of such proposed projects in order to further assure protection of wildlife resources.

5. **Opposing Sale of Furs in United States and Canada  
by the Russian Government**

Whereas, the market for raw furs, especially beaver, produced in the United States and Canada is at a low ebb, and long furs, such as coyote, are not salable at all, and many fur trappers have thus been eliminated; and

Whereas, the various states of the west as well as the Federal Government of the United States must annually spend large sums for the control of predatory animals, particularly the coyote, to protect game and livestock against their depredations; and

Whereas, the Russian Government last year sold in the United States \$125,000,000 worth of furs which fact contributed materially to the depression of the market on furs produced in this country, and at the same time provided United States dollars which may be used by the Russian Government to increase its military strength;

Now therefore, be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in convention assembled at Memphis, Tennessee, this 15th day of September, 1950, that this situation be called to the attention of the President of the United States and all Congressmen and appropriate Canadian Federal authorities with urgent request that this most deplorable situation be corrected at the earliest possible date.

6. **Support for Water Pollution Control Program Reaffirmed**

Resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in convention assembled at Memphis, Tennessee, this 15th day of September, 1950, that we reaffirm our previous pledge of support for a nation-wide program of water pollution control, and we renew our recommendations for appropriation by Congress of adequate funds to implement the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. We recognize that the success of this program depends to a large extent on direct action by the states and by municipalities, industries, and other agencies in providing necessary sewage treatment and waste disposal facilities and that many states do not now have adequate water pollution control laws. We further urge all states where present laws on this subject are inadequate to enact effective water pollution control acts as soon as possible, and to provide adequate means for the administration and enforcement of such acts. We recommend that in framing such legislation the provisions of the model state water pollution control act prepared by the Federal Division of Water Pollution Control of the U. S. Public Health Service be studied and followed so far as applicable, subject to such adjustments as may be necessary to meet local conditions existing in the respective states.

7. **Allotment of Duck Stamp Funds**

Resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in convention assembled at Memphis, Tennessee, September 15, 1950, go on record as supporting the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service in obtaining duck stamp legislation to increase the present allotment for administration and law enforcement from 10% to 25%. We recommend that the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service confine the use of such additional funds for law enforcement purposes to those states where there is the greatest need for better law enforcement.